

Remarks

Office Action dated June 4, 2004 rejects claims 1-5, 7-12, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21-24 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and objects to claims 6, 13, 14, 17, and 20. In response, claim 21 is amended for clarity and an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 is submitted establishing an actual reduction to practice prior to the effective date of the cited reference. Consideration of the affidavit is respectfully requested.

If any clarifications can be made by way of telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the Undersigned.

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